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THE "POWERS THAT BE" JUMP PARSON DICKSON.

To The Dallas Express:

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 6.—Several days ago there appeared in the press of the city a statement to the effect that Rev. W. L. Dickson of Gilmer, Texas, president of the Colored Orphanage at that place, had appeared before the commissioners of Dallas county to make arrangements for a conference between leading Negroes and white citizens of Dallas to discuss and adjust race relations here. With reference to this matter, we, the undersigned Negroes of Dallas, beg leave to make the following statement:

We believe that such a conference is untimely and unnecessary and will tend to defeat the very purpose for which it is to be called. We take the position that while the relations between the races in Dallas may not be in all respects as pleasing as every body desires, they are quite good; and if useless and uncalled for agitation is not encouraged, we have every reason to believe that they will daily grow better. We admit that there is considerable unrest among our people almost everywhere, but this unrest exists to a greater or less extent with all people, is almost universal and is a result, we believe, of the war. There may have been a time in the recent past when a conference between the races here might have done some good, but we feel sure it will not do so now.

The good and fair-minded white people, together with the intelligent and loyal Negroes of Dallas, are daily working to better the condition of our race in this city. Just recently the city purchased a park for our people in south Dallas at a cost of \$10,000, and we are informed that plans are now being perfected to enlarge and improve two other parks for us already owned by the municipality. The city employs regularly a colored trained nurse to look after the indigent sick of the race and to improve their health condition. It also employs regularly a colored welfare worker who is doing an immense amount of good along moral lines where needed. The city and county at several thousand dollars expense are now making provisions at Woodlawn Hospital to take care of Negro tubercular patients. We are advised that colored nurses will be employed to care for these patients. The school board is planning to build for us a modern and well equipped high school at a cost of \$100,000. The Federated Charities keeps employed an educated colored woman to work exclusively among the poor and needy of our race in Dallas. A petition has been presented to the library association asking that our people be given library facilities, and we are encouraged to believe that this petition will in some way be granted. The War Camp Community Service maintains in East Dallas a community house for the benefit of our race, without a cost thus far of one penny to us. The Y. M. C. A. of Dallas, without any request from us, has kept employed for several months a trained young colored man to work among the boys in their teens of our race—teaching them clean sports, right living and giving them correct insight into life. This work was started as an experiment and so well pleased are the directors of the white Y. M. C. A. with the results obtained that they voluntarily made a proposition to us to give \$500 to continue this work for an entire year, conditioned upon our retaining a like amount, which we have already done.

Conditions on the street car between the races have been materially improved by new regulations put into effect, and what is now needed to make them quite satisfactory is the strict observance of the law by both races and an impartial enforcement of same by those in authority. Furthermore, there exists a Colored Welfare Board, appointed by the Mayor, to take all questions affecting the interests of our race in this city. All

of this is abundant proof that there are forces already at work to better the conditions of our people in Dallas and to improve the relations of the races one with the other. We want these forces continued undisturbed, and we firmly believe that a conference, such as is proposed, where the radical elements of both races will be brought together, can only hinder.

Rev. Dickson is doing a good work for Negro orphans of this state at Gilmer, where he resides, and this work has our endorsement and support, but we think his coming to Dallas to adjust race relations here is gratuitous and not warranted by present conditions.

Very respectfully,
J. H. DIXON,
R. T. HAMILTON,
A. S. WELLS,
I. M. HORTON,
S. W. J. LOWERY,
H. STRICKLAND,
J. C. JORDAN,
G. T. BOSWELL,
CHAS. T. BRACKINS,
B. E. HOWELL,
A. H. DYSON,
J. P. STARKS,
O. R. BUSCH.

WHITEMAN, THE SOCIALIST I. W. W. HELD \$5,000 BOND.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 6.—The case of Lovett, Fort-Whiteman, who is being held by the government authorities as an I. W. W., came up before Commissioner Atkins, Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. After hearing the testimony of two men of the Department of Justice in support of the charges that Whiteman had said at a meeting the night of his arrest that:

"We must organize the Negroes under the banner of the I. W. W. if the Negro is to be emancipated. We must overthrow capitalism, even though by so doing it becomes necessary for us to overthrow our present form of government, and to establish Soviet control and dictatorship of the proletariat."

Commissioner W. E. Atkins bound him over to the Grand Jury on whatever charge that may be made against him, and fixed his bond at \$5,000. Whiteman stoutly denied that he made any such statement, at the meeting saying, that he made no speech and had been in the hall only about fifteen minutes before his arrest.

Mr. Whiteman told an Argus reporter, that he expected his friends here to arrange a bond for him, as he was quite sure he would be freed of any wrong doings when his case comes up.

He was not represented by counsel at his preliminary hearing, but he asked his accusers some pointed questions.

JOHN S. DURHAM DEAD.
Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6.—Word has been received here of the death of John Stephens Durham, which occurred Friday of last week in London, England, where he had resided since the war. Besides his widow and a son, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Durham of Philadelphia, and a sister, Mrs. Wm. Randolph of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Durham achieved a notable career in journalism and diplomacy, before entering upon the practice of law in connection with the management of sugar plantations in Cuba and San Domingo. He was at one time an editorial writer on the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and a valued contributor to The New York Age. In 1920 he was appointed Consul to San Domingo and was promoted to fill the post of Minister to Haiti to succeed the late Frederick Douglass. He also served as a United States attorney before the Spanish Claims Commission in Cuba.

CALIFORNIA WILL BE HALF YELLOW IN EIGHTY YEARS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 6.—Dr. J. L. Pomeroy completed figures showing that at the present rate of increase of population in this state the Japanese birth rate will equal that of the whites in the year 2002. In this estimate Dr. Pomeroy does not count immigration, but figures

only the birth rate. The figures were compiled at the request of Senator Phelan.

At the present rate of increase, Dr. Pomeroy says, there will be slightly more than 12,000,000 persons in California in 2002, half being Japanese. Dr. Pomeroy based his estimate on statistics covering the period from 1910 to 1917.

FILIPINOS PROTEST AGAINST SLANDERS.

Washington, Nov. 6.—A Philippine commission, which is in this city in the interest of independence for the Philippines, has protested to Secretary of War Baker against "the mass of insulting and false statements about Filipinos made in articles and editorials published in this country."

With the letter are quotations from editorials written in the same spirit that many editors discuss the steel strike and the trade union movement generally. The Filipinos protest against such terms as "stunted and inferior mongrel people," "barbarians," "wild," "murderers," "ninety-per-cent, illiterates," and other "arguments" that have a familiar sound to the organized workers.

Secretary of War Baker, who is the highest executive official directly in charge of the administration of the Philippines, is informed that the Philippine commission has "purposely withheld the republication of many American articles in the Philippines in order not to create the ill-feeling which would naturally result from reading them."

The war secretary expressed his regrets over the conditions and intimated that the Filipinos are not the only ones who have a kick coming because of misrepresentation. The secretary included a portion of Gov. Gen. Smith's message to the Philippine legislature in 1909.

"The American who dictates his energies to ill-timed and intemperate abuse of the Filipinos is sowing the seeds of ill-will from which he can expect nothing other than a rich crop of racial prejudice."

FEMALE PHYSICIANS ATTEND NEW YORK.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 6.—The Race was well represented at the International Conference of Women Physicians, which held its sessions at the headquarters of the national board of the Y. W. C. A., Lexington avenue and 52nd street, last week. Women doctors were here from all over the world and from all reports our women displayed the same degree of professional knowledge as their male counterparts. Among those present as delegates were Dr. V. Morton Jones of Brooklyn, Dr. Coppel of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Wells of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Whipper of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Sarah Brown of Washington; Dr. Rice of Newport, R. I., and Dr. Granger of Brooklyn.

MISS WALLACE HAS FELLOW BOARDER ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF STEALING TRUNK CONTAINING JEWELRY AND WEARING APPAREL.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 6.—May Wallace, of 134 West 134th street, armed with a "pick up" warrant, on last Friday, succeeded in running down and having arrested Samuel Lewis, 24, of 226 West 140th street, whom she charged with having the night previous, stolen a trunk belonging to her which contained jewelry and wearing apparel valued at \$150. Miss Wallace, who is employed in a pocketbook factory, and lodged with Mrs. Jennie Kelley of 134 West 134th St. came home from her work Friday evening and was surprised to find all the doors of the apartment standing wide open and all the gaslights burning. Surprised at this she entered and burrying to her sleeping apartment discovered the loss of her trunk. Her suspicions at once fell upon Samuel Lewis, a fellow lodger, who was reported by her to the police station, she reported her loss and of her suspicion. She was advised to go to the Heights Court on

the following morning and swear out a warrant, which she did and armed with this she began a tour of Lenox avenue and soon observed Lewis. She at once sought a policeman and placing the warrant in his hands an arrest was promptly made. He was taken to the police station and after being given the third degree he confessed to the robbery and told how he had disposed of the trunk and its contents nearly all of which was recovered. The trunk, with a part of its contents, was found in the possession of a well-known cabaret proprietor on West 135th street.

DR. BUMSTEAD DEAD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Intervale, N. H., Nov. 6.—Doctor Horace Bumstead, who was president of Atlanta University from 1885 to 1906, died here on October 8. Dr. Bumstead was the second president of Atlanta University, succeeding its founder, Dr. E. A. Ware, and was always outstanding in his advocacy of higher education for the Negro and championing his cause. Since his retirement from active connection with the University in 1906, he has constantly by word and pen worked for the advancement of the Negro race.

MINERS CHARGED WITH PLOT TO MASSACRE ALL IN WEST VIRGINIA VALLEY.

Governor Charges Conspiracy to Seize Government—Troops Ready to Act.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 6.—Gov. John J. Cornwell today sent a message to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in which he charged that a second armed invasion of the Guyan Valley coal district was being planned by the miners of the Cabin Creek Coal section.

The Governor also charged that arms and ammunition had been distributed among the miners, and there had been much talk of shooting public officials and taking control of the government.

The telegram, it was announced, had been sent to Lewis in Washington.

The telegram was sent by Gov. Cornwell to Lewis in reply to a dispatch he had received from Lewis in which Lewis told the Governor he would not press for a federal investigation of the Guyan field at this time. Lewis added that he had directed Frank Keeney, president of District No. 17, to co-operate with the Governor and settle the trouble through state agencies.

THIRTY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED ON STAFF.

Colored Associated Visiting Physicians Will Probably Not Be Selected Until After Opening Date.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 6.—The St. Louis City Hospital No. 2 for Colored patients, will be formally opened on or about November 11, according to information given the Argus by Director of Public Welfare Schmoll this week. It is planned to have the building opened with ceremonies on patients will be transferred from the City Hospital until the citizens have inspected it.

Dr. Shutt gave out the names of thirty persons whom he stated are now on the pay roll of the new hospital. They are: Manager, Dr. R. C. Haskell; chief clerk, Mrs. Isabella Crum; superintendent of nurses, Gertrude E. Martin; assistant superintendent of nurses, Anastasia Mosier; resident physician, Charles R. Humbert; storekeeper, Mrs. Nellie Benson; graduated nurses: Ophelia E. Clark, Lillian B. Gray, Branchie House, Charlotte K. May, Nettie B. Vick, Myrtle B. Wilson, Ida B. Jones; social service worker, Ida B. Myers; porter, Clifford Henderson; day attendant, B. Coleman; night attendant, B. William Pierce; scrub women: Lula Hayes, Carrie Payton, Bertha Grimes, Emma Washington, Idoner Minor, Blanch Stoughter, Z. McKnight, Mattie Perry, Fannie White, Daisy Weedon, Ida Redding, Fannie Selatan.

Thirty named are all Colored, except the superintendent and assistant superintendent of nurses. The list is not complete and others are to be appointed.

Dr. Shutt stated that the Associated Staff of Physicians, which will be Colored, will probably not be selected until after the formal opening.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT ON AN AGED MINISTER.

Palatka, Nov. 6.—A brutal and cowardly assault was made on the Rev. F. M. Spicer, a retired minister of the Episcopal Church, on Tuesday morning, September 30th, as he was returning from Crescent City, where he had been assisting Rev. A. Lee in a revival meeting. A mob had gathered in the city during the night, supposedly of people outside of the city, to lynch the man who shot and killed the conductor on the previous Sunday morning. When Rev. Spicer stepped from the north bound train, which arrives at the depot at about 4:20 a. m., a ruffian struck him a terrific blow on the side of the head. Before he realized what was going on another man struck him supposedly with the butt of the gun, which fell him to the ground. In a moment a half dozen or more guns were pointed on him while he was lying on the ground, and the crowd began to kick him, and otherwise brutally assaulted him, until some one from the crowd asked the men to stop beating the old man, after he had pleaded pitifully for his life. They left him in a serious condition, which at one time was thought to be fatal. But by the close attention of Dr. White, he is gradually recovering. The citizens of Palatka, of both races, were greatly incensed over the brutal attack on this innocent and harmless minister of the gospel.

Rev. Spicer is highly respected by all who know him, and all alike regret the occurrence. Several other persons were assaulted also, but none so shamefully as was Rev. Spicer. The city counsel, the Mayor, the sheriff and other officials of both county and city strongly condemned the outrage, and promised full protection to the Colored citizens at whatever cost. This is one of the most peaceful cities in the State. The whites and the Colored folks seem to understand each other, and the most peaceful relation exists between them.



Agents Wanted

GASOLINE STREET CAR IS NEW FORD INVENTION.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 6.—Henry Ford has invented a gasoline street car, equipped with a special internal combustion engine, with which he expects to revolutionize street railway and interurban transportation. The engine was given its first tryout today in the Ford experimental shops. The car can make seventy miles an hour. Its public tryout will be made in about a month. Arrangements now are under way with the Michigan Central Railroad for a race against the Wolverine, crack flyer, between Detroit and Chicago. Mr. Ford expects to maintain a seventy mile an hour rate for the distance. He will personally direct the operation of the car.

The power unit which will move the car is a motor, an air compressor, an electric generator and a heating and lighting plant all in one.

DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON MAYES.

Following Judge Nelson's Denial of New Trial November 28th, Date Set for Electrocutation Case Appealed to Supreme Court Taken to Nashville, State Prison.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 6.—Maurice F. Mayes is sentenced to die by electrocution on November 28th, within the prison walls at Nashville, his motion for a new trial having been overruled on last Saturday morning by Judge T. A. R. Nelson, of the criminal court. A motion for an arrest of judgment was also overruled. Mayes appealed his case to the supreme court, and was allowed thirty days in which counsel might prepare a bill of exceptions. This may prevent electrocution on the date fixed by Judge Nelson, as the case might not be disposed of in the supreme court by that time. The supreme court must do one of three things upon hearing arguments: reverse the case, which would mean a dismissal; remand it for a new hearing in the criminal court; or confirm the lower court, which latter action would mean that the decree or sentence of the criminal court would be carried out, if not on the designated day on another date to be fixed by the higher court.

Mayes appeared unaffected by the sentence imposed upon him and asked that he might make a statement. His counsel, however, disregarded his request. He was returned to the county jail where he remained in solitary confinement until last Sunday evening when he was sent to Nashville, to the state penitentiary.

Judge Nelson imposed the death sentence in unequivocal terms. His words were uttered slowly, each apparently being weighed carefully. It was one of the most dramatic moments ever witnessed in the criminal court room. The room was about half filled, and the people gave concentrated attention to his every utterance.

"His bed is a hard one," Judge Nelson declared, "but he made it. If his bed is lined with thorns which stick him and sting him and bite him it is his own fault. He had an absolutely fair trial. He was ably defended. He was given the benefit of every single doubt. The jury, having heard all of the evidence, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in

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The judge was interrupted at this point by counsel for the condemned Negro, who made a motion for an arrest of judgment. This motion was based upon the claim that the jury's verdict was rendered void because it did not flex the punishment.

Without comment upon this motion, Judge Nelson completed his sentence.

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